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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi TSUDA, et al.

Serial No. 09/432,112

Group Art Unit: 2872

Confirmation No. 9637

Filed: November 2, 1999

Examiner: J. Juba, Jr.

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTICAL TRANSMISSION ADOPTING DISPERSION
COMPENSATION

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Advisory Action mailed March 18, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the Applicants did not identify where in the specification could support be found for the claim amendments filed on February 19, 2004. This Preliminary Response is submitted to point out that support for the claim amendments can be found on pages 8-13 of the specification.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Response be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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